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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: MEETING OF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS
AND PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS

REF: (A) HELSINKI 1674, (B) COPENHAGEN 2799, (C) HELSINKI 1667

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON MULTILATERAL POLITICAL
AFFAIRS SECTION CHIEF OLLI MENNANDER TO REVIEW RESULTS OF
NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING COPENHAGEN AUGUST 19-20
AND TO DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS OF RESULTS FOR 31ST UNGA.
MENNANDER GAVE EMBOFF COPY OF COPENHAGEN COMMUNIQUE.

2. MENNANDER CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT THE HIGHLY SPECIFIC
5-POINT NORDIC STATEMENT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA DESCRIBED
PARA 4 REFTEL B. HE MADE CLEAR THAT NORDIC COUNTRIES WILL
GIVE GREAT ATTENTION TO THIS GENERAL ISSUE DURING UNGA.

3. WITH RESPECT TO OTHER POSSIBLE UNGA ISSUES PREVIOUSLY
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DISCUSSED WITH MENNANDER (REF A) HE HAD THE

FOLLOWING COMMENTS CONCERNING NORDIC MEETING RESULTS:

(A) KOREA: NOT FORMALLY CONSIDERED BY MINISTERS
BUT INFORMALLY DISCUSSED BY AIDES. ALMOST SURELY
THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE BY ANY NORDIC COUNTRY FROM
ITS PREVIOUS VOTING.

(B) PUERTO RICO: NOT DISCUSSED AT COPENHAGEN.
MANNANDER REPEATED HE DOES NOT BELIEVE ISSUE WILL
COME BEFORE UNGA, THE STATEMENT IN COLOMBO SUMMIT
GENERAL DECLARATION NOTWITHSTANDING.

(C) PANAMA CANAL: SAME SITUATION AS POINT B.

(C) MIDDLE EAST: COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED ALARM
OVER SITUATION IN LEBANON AND APPEALED TO ALL
PARTIES TO RESPECT GENEVA CONVENTIONS. FOURTH
PARAGRAPH OF COMMUNIQUE STATES: "IN THE NORDIC
VIEW ALL STATES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO JOIN THE UNITED
NATIONS AND REMAIN MEMBERS THEREOF. THE NORDIC
COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT WHICH,
IN VIOLATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, IS AIMED
AT EXCLUDING A MEMBER STATE FROM THE WORLD ORGANIZATION
OR AT LIMITATING (SIC) OR SUSPENDING ITS MEMBERSHIP
RIGHTS). MANNANDER ASSERTED THAT THIS STATEMENT OF
UNIVERSALITY WAS CONSIDERED AT COPENHAGEN TO BE
DIRECTLY RESPONSIVE TO ANY POSSIBLE ATTEMPT TO BAR
ISRAEL FROM UNGA THROUGH MISUSE OF THE CREDENTIALS
REVIEW PROCESS.

4. HE DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF ADMISSION OF VIETNAM
AND ANGOLA TO UN AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS
NEITHER DID EMBOFF. HOWEVER, COMMUNIQUE STATEMENT
SUPPORTING UNIVERSALITY MENTIONED IN PARA 3D WOULD
SEEM TO APPLY ALSO TO VIETNAM AND ANGOLA.

5. CONCERNING TERRORISM (REF C), MENNANDER NOTED
THAT MATTER RAISED IN COPENHAGEN AND CONCERN OVER
TERRORISM ADDRESSED IN FIFTH PARA OF COMMUNIQUE,
BUT HE SAID MATTER WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN THE CONTEXT
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